NCM report on Aligarh riots

3435. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Minorities has submitted its report to Government over the recent Aligarh riots;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the NCM in its report has incriminated the State Government for its inept handling of the situation;

(c) if so, the relevant details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken any action on the basis of the report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report draws attention to the fact that the incident happened due to some administrative lapse on the part of the State Government as well as total failure of district administration.

(c) The Report has highlighted that the guidelines given in Prime Minister's 15 point programme were not observed and recommends constitution of a balanced police force in the State with proportionate representation of all communities including minority communities and a time-bound enquiry into the Aligarh incidents by a sitting Judge of a High Court.

(d) and (e) A copy of the Report has been sent by the commission to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, who are primarily concerned with it, and the State Government is taking appropriate action in the matter.

Riots in Goa

3436. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were riots, acts of vandalism loot and destruction of property of the members of a particular community in village Sanvordem on the town of Curchorem in Goa, recently;

(b) the value of property destroyed;

(c) the number of arrests made;

(d) the number of persons charge-sheeted; and

(e) the details of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As per information received from the State Government, the twin town of Curchorem and Sanvordem witnessed some communal incidents and consequent law and order problem on 3rd, 4th and 5th March, 2006, over the efforts by some Muslims of the area to convert a dilapidated structure in the area at Police Station Curchorem in South Goa into a madrasa. This was opposed by the local Panchayat which ordered its demolition on the ground that the said structure was illegally constructed on Government land. The Muslims got a stay from the Director of Panchayat against the said order of demolition. However, on the night of 28th February, some miscreants attempted to demolish the structure and seven persons were arrested and sent to judicial custody. Following this, a public meeting was arranged by the local Muslim community on the 3rd March, 2006 and while the meeting was in progress a large mob of majority community tried to attack them with stones. The police force stationed there we repulsed the attack. The muslim community was escorted to safety by the police. However, some elements attacked a few unattended/closed Muslim shops and vehicles in the market area and damaged them. The people from the majority community gathered on 4th March in the town and police resorted to mild lathi charge and tear-gassing at two places to disperse the mob. Subsequently, the Administration held discussions with the concerned local leaders and the crowds were dispersed peacefully and those arrested were also released. On the request of the Chief Secretary, Goa, two companies of Rapid Action Force and one Company of CISF were deployed in the sensitive areas of the city and an emergency Control Room was also set up on the same night. On 5th March, 2006, the Chief Secretary held a meeting with prominent citizens and leaders of communities in Goa and made an appeal for maintenance of peace and communal amity.

No major incident has been reported thereafter.

While there was no report of any loss of life in these incidents, five Police Officers, 20 Policemen and two civilians sustained injuries. 40 private vehicles, 10 Government vehicles, 14 houses and 16 shops suffered damage in these incidents. 16 FIRs have been registered.